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SUBJECT: SHELEPIN VISITS FINLAND

1. TAMPERE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER AAMULEHTI REPORTS

TODAY THAT ALEXANDER SHELEPIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SOVIET TRADE UNIONS (AUCCTU)

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VISITED FINLAND LAST WEEKEND. ACCORDING TO THE

PAPER SHELEPIN'S VISIT WAS CONDUCTED IN COMPLETE SECRECY. HE MET WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SAK) NIILLO HAMALAINEN.

2. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE SAK AND THE AUCCTU ARE SEEKING TO SPEED UP THE CONVENING OF A EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE WHICH WAS FIRST DISCUSSED SERIOUSLY AT THE SAK'S 1971 CONGRESS, ATTENDED BY SHELEPIN AMONG OTHERS. ACCORDING TO AAMULEHTI CONFERENCE IS INTENDED TO BRING ABOUT COOPERATION BETWEEN ICFTU AND WFTU, ALSO "WCL WILL HAVE A PLACE AT THIS SO CALLED ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE."

3. SECRECY OF VISIT BY POLITBURO MEMBER AND FORMER CHIEF OF KGB MAY HAVE BEEN FOR SIMPLE REASON THAT ALL KINDS OF RUMORS WERE FLOATING AROUND IN HELSINKI LAST WEEK ABOUT LAST-MINUTE MESSAGE OR DELEGATION FROM SOVIET UNION OPPOSING FINNISH SIGNATURE OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EC WHICH WAS DECIDED ON OCTOBER 3. IF SHELEPIN VISIT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED WHEN IT TOOK PLACE IT WOULD HAVE ADDED FUEL TO FLAMES. NONETHELESS IT IS CURIOUS THAT VISIT ITSELF WAS NOT DELAYED.
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